

British invasion of Delaware and history of Delaware breweries to be discussed at the New Castle Court House Museum in February 2014

During the month of February 2014, the New Castle Court House Museum, in partnership with the New Castle Historical Society, will present two installments of the Wintery Wednesdays Lecture Series. On Feb. 5 at 7 p.m., the series will feature Gerald J. Kauffman who will discuss the subject of the book that he co-authored with Michael R. Gallagher—"The British Invasion of Delaware During the American Revolution (1777)." On Feb. 19 at 7 p.m., the series will feature "The History of Delaware Breweries" presented by John Medkeff, author of the book, "Diamond State Brewery, Inc.," a history of the Wilmington brewery founded by Joseph Stoeckle in the mid-19th century.



Both lectures will be presented at the [New Castle Court House Museum](#), located at 211 Delaware St. in New Castle, Del. Admission for each of the lectures is \$5 with free admission for members of the [New Castle Historical Society](#). For additional information, call 302-323-4453.

One of the oldest and most historic courthouses in the United States, the New Castle Court House (main section built in 1732) served as Delaware's first court and state capitol. Here in 1776, New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties declared their independence from Pennsylvania and England creating the Delaware State. The museum features tours and exhibits that illustrate Delaware's unique boundaries, law and government and the Underground Railroad.

In addition to the Wintery Wednesdays Lecture Series, the museum is currently featuring the [following two exhibits](#): "Archaeology of the New Castle Court House" which showcases artifacts representing over 300 years of continuous use of the building; and "Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad" which chronicles the compelling story of Emeline Hawkins and her family, and their 1845 odyssey on the Underground Railroad from slavery in Maryland, through Delaware to freedom in Pennsylvania.

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